AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each ~~image~~ of the plurality of images, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage;

a player that successively plays the video according to the control information;

an image plane;

a platform including a processor ~~that executes native codes, the platform including~~ and an image selecting native code, executable by the processor, for selecting [[an]] a selected image to be rendered and storing [[a]] the selected image in the image plane, wherein the platform interprets and executes the predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into ~~the~~ native codes executable by the processor, the platform causes the processor to execute the native codes for storing the ~~designated~~ plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each

image of the plurality of images in the storage, and the platform causes the processor to execute the image selecting native code for selecting the selected image to be rendered from among the plurality of images stored in the storage based on a specified location on [[a]] the time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information and the rendition time corresponding to each image of the plurality of images stored in the storage and for storing the selected image in the image plane; and

a compositor that superimposes the selected image stored in the image plane on the video during the playback of the video stream,

wherein the image selecting native code is pre-stored on the platform and executable by the processor without conversion.

2–7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended)   A playback method used for a playback apparatus that plays a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image of the plurality of images, the playback apparatus having a storage, an image plane, and a platform including a processor for executing native codes and the platform including and an image selecting native code, executable by the processor, for selecting [[an]] a selected image to be rendered and storing [[a]] the selected image in the image plane, the playback method comprising:

successively playing the video according to the control information;

interpreting and executing the predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes for storing the ~~designated~~ plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each ~~image~~ of the plurality of images in the storage;

selecting, by causing the processor to execute the image selecting native code for selecting the <u>selected</u> image to be rendered from among the ~~designated~~ plurality of images stored in the storage, based on a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information and the rendition time corresponding to each ~~image~~ <u>of the plurality of images</u> stored in the storage and for storing the selected image in the image plane; and

superimposing the selected image stored in the image plane on the video during the playback of the video <u>stream,</u>

wherein the image selecting native code is pre-stored on the platform <u>and executable by the processor without conversion.</u>

9. (New)   The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein the predetermined codes further designate rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of images, and the image selecting native code selects the selected image to be rendered from among the plurality of images stored in the storage based on a rendition location included in the control information and the rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of images.

10. (New)   The playback apparatus of claim 9, wherein the image selecting native code selects the selected image only when rendition coordinates of the selected image are within a predetermined proximity of the rendition location.

11. (New)   The playback method of claim 8, further comprising:

having the predetermined codes designate rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of images; and

having the image selecting native code select the selected image to be rendered from among the plurality of images stored in the storage based on a rendition location included in the control information and the rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of images.

12. (New)   The playback method of claim 11, further comprising:

having the image selecting native code select the selected image only when rendition coordinates of the selected image are within a predetermined proximity of the rendition location..